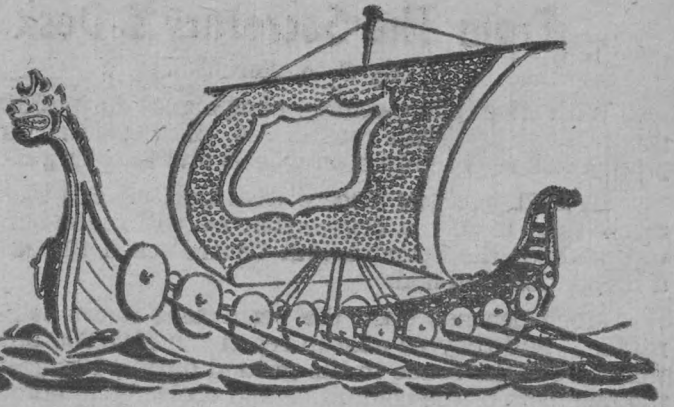




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Vasa Lodge

Skandia No. 549

Skandia Lodge No. 549 held their regular meeting at the I.O.O.F. Temple on 95th Street on Saturday, December 3rd, at 6:30 p.m., with Ed Bergquist acting as Chairman in the absence of Sig Johnson. Initiation took place with the following people joining our fraternity: Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Landin, Mrs. Ruth Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Telford Gustafson, Miss Bergetta Bange, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wickberg.

The Drill Team was thanked for its performance for the initiation.

Election of new officers took place with the following being elected: President: Sig Johnson; Vice-President: Ed Bergquist; Recording Secretary: Nels Timo; Assistant Recording Secretary: Elsie Simmons; Financial Secretary: Linnea Lodge; Assistant Financial Secretary: Verna Kvarnberg; Treasurer: Don Johnson; Chaplain: Julius Hoher; Master of Ceremonies: (Cont. on Page Five)

Buford

Vasa Lodge No. 577

The turn out of members for the November meeting was excellent, and elections for the coming year were held. There were very few changes in the slate of officers, as quite a number were re-elected to the same positions. New officers are as follows:

Chairman, Tony Lefsrud; Vice-Chairman: Floyd Modin; Secretary: Wanda Markstadt; Assistant Secretary: Avid Pearson; Finance Secretary: Eric Kvarnberg; Assistant Finance Secretary: Ray Pearson; Treasurer: Arnie Dixon; Chaplain: Clair Pearson; Master of Ceremonies: Albin Markstadt; Assistant Master of Ceremonies: Frank Carlson; Inner Guard: Eddie Nystrom; Outer Guard: Algot Pearson.

Plans for the Christmas Party were also made at this meeting.

The Christmas Party was held on Sunday evening, December 11, with (Continued on Page 6)

Swedish Club North Star

The Swedish Club, North Star, held its last meeting on December 17th at the home of Mr. H. Swedebrink, and was convened by the bachelors of the club.

The next meeting is to be held on January 14th at the home of Mr. R. Anderson. Election of officers will take place at this meeting, and as anyone who doesn't make an appearance is sure to be elected, all members are urged to attend!

Icelandic Society

The Compliments of the Season to all the readers of the Icelandic column of the Scandinavian Centre News.

Mr. J. G. Rendickson, who is connected with one of the companies building the new B.A. refinery at Rimbey, Alta., was able to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays at his home in Edmonton where family gatherings made the season merry. Mr. Charles Tookey, father of Mrs. Hendrickson, has been a patient in the Royal Alexandra Hospital for the past few weeks; we wish this eighty-four year old gentleman a speedy return to good health.

The Icelandic Society of Edmonton held a very enjoyable meeting in the Masonic Temple in December when an appreciative crowd was taken on a tour of Iceland by way of movies and a lecture by Mr. Glen Eyford of the Fine Arts Department, University of Alberta. Mr. Eyford was able to obtain the films direct from Iceland, and his comments added greatly to the understanding and interest. He promised future film showings on related subject matter, and all attending agreed that it had been one of the best meetings held by the society. A short business meeting was held, conducted by President Norm Vigfusson.

A Nominating Committee, convened by Mrs. Margaret Cameron, was appointed. Mrs. Freda Smith was asked to be convener of the Program Committee.

Members are advised that the next meeting of the Society will be held Jan. 10 at 8:15 p.m. in the North-Western Utilities Auditorium, Milner Building, 104th Street. All prospective members are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Ernie Ledger was the lucky winner of the Christmas turkey. A delightful lunch hour followed at which time the Society sang carols, led by Mr. Bill Hallderson, and the best wishes of all those present were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell entertained by a buffet supper at their home on the evening of Dec. 14 when the assembled guests discovered that the date was the anniversary of their marriage twenty-five years previously. Congratulations and best wishes were sincerely expressed. On the following Saturday many more friends called to enjoy their hospitality and express their good wishes. Their daughter, Thora, and her husband, Oscar Vaughan, who live (Continued on Page 4)

DANIA

On Remembrance Day, November 11, Dania held its first Sports Banquet at the Bellevue Auditorium. Your Board of Directors had a few anxious weeks before the banquet, inasmuch as the proceeds were to go to the Gymnastic Club and expenses were heavy. It was very gratifying however, to see that more than 200 people were good enough to participate. It was especially pleasant to see so many present from our sister clubs of other Scandinavian groups.

During the dinner the following presentations were made:

Football: Dania's Trophy for Sportsmanship and Ability went to Hans Petersen. Carl Gunderson's Trophy for the Outstanding Player of the Season went to Erling Hansen.

The Edmonton District Football Association Trophy for All Star went to Leif Jensen and Erling Hansen.

The Gymnastic Club and the Handball Club had a sprung on them when Dania's President, Mr. Art Andersen, presented a new Trophy to the Presidents of each Club to be given each year to the most outstanding participant in each group.

We sincerely hope that everyone had an enjoyable evening and will feel free to come again. The proceeds for the Gym Club were excellent, and will enable them to carry on the good work which they are doing.

Dania takes this opportunity to express their sincere Thanks to everyone who took part in this celebration. It is our hope to make it a yearly event in order to give everyone an opportunity to express their appreciation for the good work done by these groups.

"BIKUBEN" held their Christmas party on December 19 and had a most enjoyable evening with carol singing and the exchange of gifts. Everyone bought a taste of their Christmas baking which was enjoyed with a cup of coffee. The next meeting will be on January 16th, the third Monday of the month. Please be good enough to come as we should have the election of officers. You all know where 10029-85 Avenue at 8:00 p.m.

January 13 will be Dania's New Year's Party Night, which we are sure everyone will enjoy. The party will be in the form of a dance to the music of the Elgstrand Orchestra, with a little entertainment in between. You will be able to buy delicious sandwiches, and refreshments will be available all through the evening. The place is the South (Continued on Page 5)

Sons Of Norway

DECEMBER MEETING

An enjoyable social evening followed the regular business meeting of the Lodge on Dec. 9. Officers for the 1961 term were elected and will be installed in January. During the social evening members tried their luck at Bingo.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

The King Edward Hotel Windsor Room will be the setting for the installation ceremony on Friday, Jan. 6 at 8:00 p.m. Installing officer will be Mr. S. A. Sorenson, Fourth District President, Sons of Norway. Mr. Sorenson will be assisted by the Drill Team.

A social reception will follow. We hope all members will make a special effort to attend.

NORSK JULETREFEST

The spirit of Christmas reigned supreme as an overflow crowd of adults and children gathered at the Masonic Temple on Dec. 17. Among the highlights of the evening was the program presented by the Sunray Sons of Norway Lodge.

In charge of the evening was Mrs. M. MacDonald, Social Director. Sunray Lodge President, Gary Johnson, was master of ceremonies.

To the delight of the little folk, Santa managed to make an appearance during the evening.

JUNIOR LODGE

The final meetin of 1960 for the Junior Sons of Norway Lodge was held on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Milner Building auditorium. One of the highlights of the evening was the selection of the official name of the group which is Sunray Lodge, Sons of Norway. Officers as elected for the 1961 term are as follows: President, Gary Johnson; Vice-president, Gordon Storheim; Secretary, George Grasdahl; Treasurer, Brian Rikstad; Financial Secretary, Keith Rikstad; Counsellor, Kenneth Storheim; Social Director, Harry Mjaatveit; Marshal, Arlene Andam; Assistant Marshal, Carol Hill, and Inner Guard, Barry Martin.

An enthusiastic program is anticipated for 1961. The next meeting will be held as usual on the second Thursday of the month—Jan. 12. Chartering of the Lodge will be held early in February.

BOWLING BY-LINE

The Midnight Sons, with Victor Larson as captain, will begin the new year holding top spot in Sons of Norway's bowling league. Mrs. J. Jacobsen has again captured the (Continued on Page 5)

Finnish Society

Onnellista Untta Vuotta! Happy New Year!

The Finnish Society of Edmonton will hold a dance with program at the McCauley Hall on January 6th commencing at 8:30 p.m. Coffee will be served. Remember the date, and come to enjoy the evening with your friends.

The next sewing-circle will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Vesalainen, 11921-48 Street, on January 15. You are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Impi Honka wishes to thank the Finnish Society for the flowers she received during her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Utunen and Mr. Sahuri went on a weekend fishing trip to Lake Baptiste recently and they reported that the pickerel were biting well.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Heimonen wish to thank all their friends for the wonderful Christmas present they received. Special thanks go to Mrs. Rautio, Mrs. Vesalainen and Mrs. Kammonen.

THIS OLD CAR

This old car once knew a husband
This old car once knew his wife
This old car once knew their children

And they led a merry life.
But this family's trips are over
Picked a dangerous spot to pass
Then they saw death's angel peeking

Through the broken windshield glass
Ain't gonna need this car no longer
Ain't gonna need this car no more

Had no time to fix the brakes up
Had no time to fix the door
Had no time to fix the steering

Or to drive with more restraint
Ain't gonna need this car no longer
They've been taken to meet the saints

This old car once rang with laughter
This old car was someone's pride
But its travelling days are over

For it lies here on its side
Now here's sad new for relations
Now there's sad news for their friends

Let's be thinking of our driving
As this tragic story ends.

Note to wives: Husbands are the worst possible driving teachers for you gals. Each lesson usually ends up in a battle royal. That's what safety experts say.

Attend Annual Scandinavian Night At The Jubilee Auditorium — January 21st, 1961

+ EDITORIAL +

From The Secretary's Desk

By S. A. Sorenson

With five share-selling campaigns during 1960, and greater activity in all committees, the Scandinavian Centre project has really gotten on wheels and is rolling nicely.

In 1961 it is our sincere wish that we can increase the momentum to such a degree that we will reach our destination and see the Scandinavian Centre reach the skies, from a foundation well-laid.

Much depends upon the permanent Share-Selling Committee. Will they be able to reach the \$100,000 objective in time to put the spade in the ground during 1961? Here are the members of the committee and their phone numbers. Be sure to contact one of them if you haven't bought your shares yet.

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N. Vigfusson, 16406 - 107A Ave.	HU 9-6730
Louis Waage, 3618 - 108 Ave.	GR 7-8568

THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEET

The Cultural Activities Committee met on December 21 at the home of Mrs. Vera Nielsen to finalize plans for the SEVENTH ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT at the Jubilee Auditorium on January 21, 1961. The theme of this year's program is incorporated in the title "SCANDAPADES" and will feature outstanding Scandinavian talent. The designer of the program is Mr. Knut L. Svidal, and the producer is Mrs. Lily Taylor.

The resignations of Mr. Norman Pettersson and Mr. Bernt Owren were accepted, and the positions filled by Mrs. Lily Taylor and Mr. K. L. Svidal. The personnel of the Cultural Committee is now as follows:

Mrs. Lily Taylor, Chairman and Vasa Lodge Representative	HU 8-8704
Mrs. Vera Nielsen, Social Director	GE 9-0506
K. L. Svidal, Sons of Norway Representative	HU 8-6558
P. Norman Christensen, Dania Representative	HU 9-4806
Erik Luhtala, Finnish Representative	HU 9-3435
Mrs. C. A. Smith, Icelandic Representative	GR 7-5557

If you know of good talent, please let any of the above committee know. Getting on this program may be the opportunity you have been looking for.

DIRECTORS MET ON DECEMBER 6, 1960

All the directors were very pleased to accept and pass on 228 applications for shares, with a total cash value of \$6,237.25.

The remainder of the evening was spent in making plans for the biggest Social Event of the year:

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT — THE JUBILEE AUDITORIUM, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1961

This year's event will fill the whole Auditorium and will feature activities in four main areas:

- (1) SCANDAPADES — the Theatre: Here you will enjoy a variety program of Scandinavian talent.
 - (2) SCANDINAVIAN DANCING — In the Social Rooms: Here you will dance the good old dances to the lilt of the finest in Scandinavian music.
 - (3) THE TEEN-AGE FROLIC — In the Club Room: Here dancing will be done the modern way.
 - (4) SCANDINAVIAN HOSPITALITY — In the Foyer: Here Scandinavian delicacies and coffee will be served.
- Get your tickets now! Phone any one of the Ticket Committee listed below:

H. Markstrom, Chairman	GR 7-2647
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Kjeld Sondrup	GA 2-5626
Sven Jacobsen	GR 7-1798
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K. L. Svidal	HU 8-6558
Miss Verna Kvarnberg	GE 3-5201
Mrs. Vera Nielsen	GE 9-0506
Rudy Sund	HO 6-0243
Louis Waage	GR 7-8568
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The Directors of the Scandinavian Centre wish all the readers of the NEWS a Very Prosperous, Successful, and Happy New Year.

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NORWEGIAN ENGINEERING IN CANADA

Norteknik A/S, which earlier this year obtained a sizable engineering contract in Canada, recently established a separate firm NORENO (Canada) to bid for turn-key projects. The new company is owned by three Norwegian firms—Elektrokemisk A/S Fearnley & Astrup, and Christiania Spigerverk, plus the Norwegian Engineering Corporation — NORENO. Norteknik A/S is one of the four corporations formed by NORENO, in cooperation with Norwegian contractors, for special purposes.

The present job in Canada, for which Norteknik will be paid the equivalent of Kr. 8.5 million, involves construction of two cableways, each 3,600 feet long. These will serve two of the 42 microwave stations in the Yukon territory to radiolink Alaska with USA. The contract was signed with Canadian National Telegraphs Administration and RCA Victor. Trial operations will begin next spring, less than a year after the project started.

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First Endurance Ice Race To Be Held At Alberta Beach

On Sunday, January 8th, the Northern Alberta Sports Car Club, in conjunction with the village of Alberta Beach, will undertake to produce the first organized ice race of its kind anywhere in North America.

This contest will take place at Alberta Beach beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will continue for a full four hours, non-stop, taking both driver and car to the utmost. The race will feature thirty European and light cars.

The event will be run on a power-to-weight ratio, since this is the

fairest possible means of dividing cars into nine different classes. Trophies are to be provided for the winner of each class, as well as an annual trophy for the overall winner.

The race will commence with a Le Mans-type start, and each driver will attempt to make as many laps as possible within the four-hour time limit.

Invitations to participate have been sent to car clubs at Calgary, Lethbridge, Regina, Saskatoon and Winnipeg, as well as to recognized car clubs in British Columbia.

SWEDISH NEW YEAR'S

New Years Eve! The time of gaiety, happiness and resolutions which never will be fulfilled; the time of speeches and poems and church bells ringing; how could one best describe this occasion.

As people all over Sweden celebrate New Year in so many different ways, come with me to some places, and see what is going on this festive eve.

It is pretty cold out, most of the time we have heavy snow. People are walking round in a very happy mood, they greet you everywhere with the words: "Happy End of the Old Year," and "A Happy New Year". There is a fine atmosphere at home. The family is going to have a big dinner for relatives and friends. When everything is shiny and nice and mother has finished all the duties entailed in preparing a Lucillian Smorgasbord, then it is time for the guests to come. As a rule you greet your guests with a glass of "glogg", and with that some "pepparkakor". And so to the dinner! On the table are home-made candles already burning, and flowers in a little pot and there you see tulips in red colors, hyacinths, and Lily of the Valley. Variety of fish dishes, omelets with mushrooms or shrimps or some kind of vegetables, sylta med rodbetor, sillsallad, inlagd sill, Jansons frestelse, ham, cheese and home made bread. The main dish is often a meat dish, but sometimes ham has first place as the main dish.

You will notice how leisurely we sit and visit and eat this meal, for we really enjoy all the delicious food and companionship. When dinner is over it is time to go to church, in the evening. If you live in the country you probably travel by sleigh to church, but as a rule you go by car. Outside the church the boy scouts are parading with torch light in their hands.

It is a custom to light a candle on the grave, where you have a relative, and it is a beautiful sight to see all the flaring candles in the dark night. Inside the church are two big Christmas trees with candles on, burning candles light up the altar, and in some churches there are candles at each pew. Christmas carols are being sung by the choir, and the minister gives a stimulating New Year message.

Now it is time to go home again, and to hear the King and the Prime Minister speak to the people of Sweden. Every year we eagerly wait for the lovely poem which is broadcast over the radio and television. For about 40 years the same beloved actor, Andersde Wahl had read Tennyson's "New Year Bells", but since his death a

few years ago, the poem is changed to Zakarias Topelius "The Milky Way". At 12 o'clock the poem is finished, and then you hear church bells all over the town and the country ringing in the New Year. Over the International airway are even broadcast, the ringing of bells from the cathedrals in Sweden as well as from other bigger towns like London, Paris, Berlin and Rome.

Happy New Years greetings are expressed to friends and relatives close at hand and then phone calls to those at distant points.

From balconies in the apartment blocks you see people throwing out Christmas sparklers and calling greetings to its neighbors.

If you live at a sea port you hear the signals from all the ships in the harbour, and you see the fire work glistening in the dark night.

For many of the younger generation New Year is celebrated with a big party and dance, or a masquerade. Some people go to the theatres or movies where a "Nyarsvaka" is performed. But wherever you go, you will hear a speech, a poem and church bells ringing in the New Year in Sweden.

Coming out on the streets you will find it difficult to walk. Thousands of people take posses-

sion of the main street, and it does not matter how much the cars blow their horns, it is New Years Eve, everybody sings, throws out confetti, and the air is filled with the joyous wish "Happy New Year".

Some people prefer to celebrate New Year outdoors, and come with us now. This is a place just outside of Stockholm, and an outdoors club "Pine Tree" is just going to celebrate New Years Eve. They gather at a club house in the forest at 9:00 p.m. Everybody helps to prepare a bon fire, and when it is ready to go, they relax until 11:45. They sing old folk songs indoors. Somebody is playing the violin, and sometimes there is also an accordion in the crowd. If the preparing of the bon fire left plenty of spare time, some of the time is just for a few folk dances. At 11:45 everyone gathers round the bon fire, and the boys light the fire. All hold hands in a big ring. While the fire gets going, the girls sing a carol, and then one of the boys makes a speech about the wonderful things that have happened in the year that now is running out. He terminates his speech exactly at 12 o'clock, when the church bells start ringing round the country, and everybody around the bon fire hollers "Happy New Year" with all the joined hands in the air. After this another boy makes a speech, this time about the year just started, and everybody hopes it will be happy. When the speech is over, the girls sing another carol and maybe two. Sometimes they keep singing another one, and another one, and nothing can stop them until the fire is burnt out and the chilly winter air cools off their ambition.

It is time to go home after drinking some coffee indoors. Coffee that was made by the girls before the bon fire started, and jokingly

EXCITING... INVITING...

The Theatre, Jubilee Auditorium, is the place! Saturday, January 21, is the date! 8:00 p.m. is the time! This year the annual Scandinavian Night program is new... is different! So new and so different that it had to have a brand-new name --- Scandapades '61!

From the opening curtain of Scandapades, through to the finale, the fast-moving show will feature

and truly is called coffee from last year.

A little walk down to the highway, and busses, cars and last but not least, bicycles gets everybody home to the first sleep of the new year.

Next day is "allman flaggdag". In every garden in Sweden there is a big flag pole, and it is the duty of the father to raise the flag. It is a nice sight to see so many flags waving in the wind. New Year's Day is mostly a day of relaxation with the exception for another big dinner with some friends or relatives.

A new Norwegian life raft made of non-porus, self-sealing foam rubber, was recently demonstrated in Oslo. The so-called "floating igloo" resembles a big cheese topped by a dome-shaped tent.

Swedish Professor Gunnar Myrdal will be the main discussion leader at a Nordic seminar on problems of underdeveloped countries to be arranged by the Economic Society, Oslo.

The municipality of Oslo, following a tradition of many years, sent huge Christmas trees as gifts to London, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Reykjavik.

the very best in Scandinavian entertainment. There will be variety Denmark, Iceland -- to please every taste.

Your evening's enjoyment will be added to by a ten-minute intermission at 8:45.

Scandapades '61 will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. and end at 9:30. Don't miss Scandapades... show of shows, newest of the new... truly an escapade in entertainment!



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Audrey Holmgren leads the Lucia Pageant at the Children's Concert.

Icelandic Society

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in California, sent a beautiful wedding cake to honor the occasion.

Mrs. J. T. Johanson had her cousin, Miss Alma Elding of Winnipeg, and her daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Harold Williams with their two winsome daughters, Thelma and Elaine, of Penarth, South Wales, as house guests over the Christmas season. To add to the family circle, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bell and their three sons, Robert, Stephen and Leslie, arrived from their home near Drumheller and were guests of Mrs. Bell's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith. Mrs. Bell (Joyce) and Mrs. Smith (Gretta) are daughters of Mrs. Johanson.

Christmas visitors at the Al Arason home were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leriger and their sons, Douglas and James, from Westlock, and Mrs. Leriger Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Robertson were called suddenly to Calgary on hearing news of the death of Mr. Robertson's brother-in-law, Dr. Setka, who practised in Prince Albert for many years prior to moving to Calgary. The funeral was held the day before Christmas. Sympathy is expressed to the family.

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Lucia Pageant

On December 14th the members and staff of the physical education department of the Y.W.C.A. were most impressed by the folk-dancing and Lucia Pageant put on by the Children's Club and young people of Vasa Lodge Skandia. The Pageant consisted of the entering of the Star boys and elves followed by Audrey Holmgren as Lucia, and her attendants.

The setting for the event was most effective, with the candle light and the Christmas-tree lights glowing. The dance team gave a performance of national folk-dancing. The evening ended with the entertainers being served coffee and pastry by the Y.W.C.A.

arranged for Friday, February 17th at the Club Mocombo. Watch for more details in the next issue.

Mrs. Helen Kaplun of Athabasca visited relatives in Edmonton prior to the Christmas holidays.

Add this to your list of New Year's Resolutions: I will phone or write in any news to my correspondent.

Light reflecting arm bands will be distributed to all first-graders in Norwegian schools by courtesy of an insurance company, to provide greater protection while crossing roads in darkness.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ledger on the birth of their son, Lance William, at the General Hospital on Dec. 8, 1960. A brother for Louise Lillian, and a grandson for Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Gislason.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Chemelyk, daughter Lori, and baby son, Larry, left for their new home in Kennewick, Wash., where Mr. Chemelyk has accepted a position with the Firestone Company at the Tri-Cities Station at Pasco, Wash.

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Forget-Me-Not Christmas Party

The Vasa Children's Club, "Forget-me-Not", under the leadership of Doreen Engvall and her assistants, held their 26th annual Christmas Party and Concert on Dec. 18 at the I.O.O.F. Temple. The children performed ably, presenting musical numbers, recitations, and dancing, ending with the Lucia Pageant.

On behalf of the Children's Club, President Ken Petterson called upon Joyce Kay to present Doreen Engvall with a beautiful bouquet of pink roses; Gail Sund to present Mrs. Alice Johnson with a lovely corsage; and Janet Sund to present Raul Nyroos with a box of chocolates.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, District Children's Supervisor, Mrs. Margaret Eliasson, presented Jo Ann Nelsen with a cheque for five dollars as being fifth contest winner of the Helga Hoving contest. Her entry was the only one

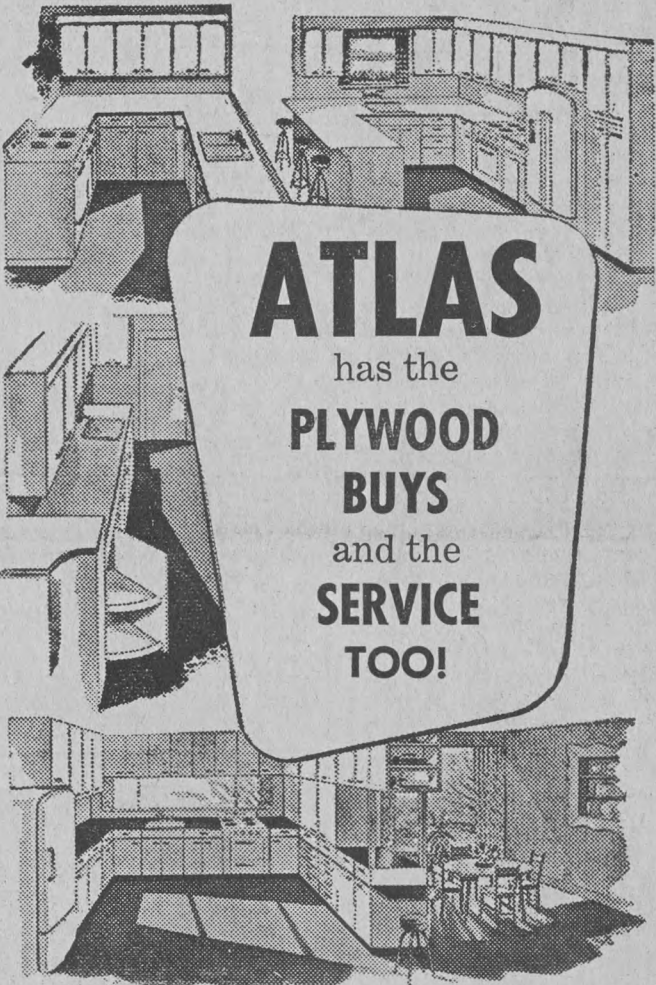
from Canada.

Following the program the children danced around the Christmas tree and the party was climaxed by the arrival of Santa Claus who gave the children delicious treats.

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Vasa Lodge

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ies: Peter Johnson; Assistant Master of Ceremonies: Ray Nyroos; Inner Guard: Henry Benstrom; Outer Guard: Herman Nelson; Trustee: Rudy Sund.

Following the meeting lunch was served, and dancing carried on until midnight. The lucky winners of the draw were Mr. Nick Serna, 5408-97A Avenue - the Mixette, and Mr. Nick Kushner; Ryley - the Radio.

The next meeting will be held January 7th at 6:30 p.m. when installation of new officers will take place, followed at 9:00 p.m. by dancing to the music of Carl Elgstrand's orchestra.

DRILL TEAM

The Drill Team will be selling home baking and serving lunch at the Market on January 29th. If you are downtown and want a good cup of coffee, please drop around and see the girls.

LADIES' AID

The next Ladies' Aid will be held on January 14th at the home of Mrs. Ed Anderson at 11013-125 Street. Vasa Sisters are saving all Swift's labels for the coming year in an effort to get enough to get an electric coffee percolator, and they would be very happy if everyone would do the same. This is a very worth-while project and costs no money, so let's all help and see if we can get enough labels. Mrs. Jean Anderson and Mrs. Dorothy Ekman have joined the Ladies' Club. Everyone present wished Elsie Simmons a Happy Birthday, and enjoyed the lovely lunch which she served.

BOWLING

The bowling teams have really enjoyed themselves since their commencement in September. They are going to have a holiday until January 6, 1961, when things will really get rolling again. One of the highlights of the past season occurred when Mrs. Charlotte Samuelson threw seven strikes in a row.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigrid Johnson are proud grandparents of a brand-new baby girl. Congratulations!

Ronnie Nelsen spent Christmas and New Year's at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelsen.

The following members have been patients in the hospital: Mrs. Hannah Sand, Mrs. Harriette Nylén, Mrs. Karen Harold and Mrs. Virginia Petterson.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Erling Winquist on the birth of a son on November 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Simmons were recently visited by their son, Orlie, his wife and their two small daughters. The visit took place just before Christmas when Orlie was transferred from a post as resident engineer on a hydro project at Snare River, N.W.T., to a new job just outside of Uranium City, Saskatchewan.

Vasa Lodge members are urged to attend Annual Scandinavian Night on January 21st and support a very worthy cause.

The children's club "Young Vikings" of Calgary put on the Lucia Pageant at the Jubilee Auditorium on December 20th.

The Vasa Dance Team recently performed at the Auditorium for the Lady Teachers' Association of Edmonton.

Sons Of Norway

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title of Women's High Single and High Triple Scorer, Bernard Olafson continues to hold both the Men's High Single and High Triple honors.

JUNIOR BOWLING

Under the direction of Mrs. H. Logan and various members of the Sons of Norway senior bowlers, the Sunray bowlers have had a successful season. These young bowlers look forward to more strikes and higher scores in the coming year. Bowling dates for January are as follows: Jan. 14 and Jan. 28.

Mr. Joe Lineham is now at home recuperating from his recent illness.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leiv Aasgard on the arrival of their son, Cory Lee.

Mr. R. Sorenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sorenson, has returned to Edmonton for the Christmas holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. B. Fleuty spent an enjoyable week skiing at Banff during the Christmas season.

Mrs. A. Loughlin flew to Honolulu to attend the wedding of her daughter Alice-Marie to Dr. William McFarland of Ohio, U.S.A.

Mrs. M. Svidal of Coronation is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Svidal.

Mr. S. A. Sorenson recently flew to Minneapolis to attend a meeting of the Presidents of the six Sons of Norway District Lodges. The meeting, which was held on Dec. 2 and 3, laid plans for the Sons of Norway Lodge-of-the-Year Award as well as dealing with other fraternal matters.

From Minneapolis Mr. Sorenson flew to Toronto on business and to visit his daughter in near-by Brantford. On his return flight his plane was grounded three times in Winnipeg due to mechanical difficulties. All in all he reported a most profitable and enjoyable trip.

DANIA

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Side Legion Auditorium at 10416-81 Avenue; the time is 8:30 p.m. the admission price is \$1.50 for non-members and \$1.00 for members who have their 1961 membership cards to show.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

Sorry we missed a greeting to Poul and Olga Chistensen in our December issue. One December 10 these two people celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary with their friends. Their eldest daughter and her four children arrived from California for the occasion. Please accept a belated congratulations.

"BIKUBEN" will hold their annual party for the children in February for at slaa Katten af Tonden. We would like you to keep this party in mind and just let us know, either by letter or by telephone, how many children you are bringing so that we can be prepared and have enough goodies for all. More about the time and place in next month's issue. Write to Mrs. Vera Nielsen at 10029-85 Avenue, or phone GE 9-0506. Thank You.

On January 15th there will be carol-singing by a number of ethnic groups, including the Danes,

at the Polish Hall on the corner of 106A Avenue and 96 Street. This will start at 6:30 p.m. and is a nice way to enjoy a few hours on a Sunday. Coffee and Polish pastry will be served after the singing.

The Danish Society "DANIA" wishes each and every one a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dania Gym Club

We have finally overcome our difficulties with training nights and have the assurance of Tuesday and Thursday nights in the Alberta College Auditorium on 100th Ave., east of 101st Street. Classes start for ladies on January 10th, 1961, at 7:15 p.m.; for boys on January 12, 1961, at 7:00 p.m. and last till 7:45 p.m.; for men on January 12, 1961, at 7:45 p.m. Parking is free. For further information call HU 9-4806.

The Club was most successful in 1960, and it is our hope that 1961 will bring even greater success. We hope a lot more people will join the Club; bring all your friends.

Dania Gym would like to thank the Danish Society "Dania" for the splendid Dinner and Dance which they arranged for them recently. President Art Anderson, on behalf of the Danish Society "Dania", presented a large trophy

to Dania Gym Club. Each year this trophy will go to the Sportsman of the Year. This is very much appreciated, and we hope it will encourage a lot of people to participate in this very fine sport.

We would also like to thank Lise Klem of Peggy Adams Beauty Salon, Ann's Bakery, the Esquire

Barber and Beauty Salon, and Mr. Art Anderson, for donating some very fine items which helped to make the recent dinner such a success.

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For the past two years the Edmonton Citizenship Council has sponsored a series of four meetings under the general heading "Know your Canada". The purpose of the series is to give Canadians both new and old, a better insight into Canada's background and a view of Canada as a whole. The wide appeal of the series was indicated by the attendance in the spring of 1960, when 100 to 150 people went to each meeting. The Council was particularly encouraged by the fact that about 75 per cent of the audience attended the whole series.

The 1960 program consisted of talks by well-known speakers, followed by refreshments and a social hour. The meetings were held on Sunday afternoons. Special invita-

tions were sent out to prospective citizens as it was felt that the series would help to prepare them for their Canadian citizenship. Guests were invited to bring their families. The meetings were free and were open to the general public.

A pleasing result of the "Know your Canada" series was that the response to the Arts and Crafts Exhibition in Citizenship Week was exceptionally good. This exhibition, which is also sponsored by the Citizenship Council, is a regular feature of Citizenship Week in Edmonton. Contributions are limited to newcomers, who have been in Canada less than ten years. Over 60 exhibitors contributed about 280 paintings and other articles, many of which were sold.

ART IN THE WORKSHOP

Norway's unusual "Art in the Workshop" organization, which displays reproductions and originals at factory canteens in most parts of the country, recently marked its 10th anniversary by presenting a highly praised exhibition at the Art Society in Oslo. In one room, there were top quality reproductions of the Early Renaissance artist Albrecht Durer's exquisite paintings, etchings, water colors and drawings. Another featured Shakespeare illustrations through 400 years, demonstrating how concepts of the master dramatist have varied through the ages. In addition, the exhibit showed a collection of original water colors by noted contemporary Norwegian artists, including Ludvig Eikaas, Erling Enger, Per Rom, Alexander Schultz, Eli Silseth, and Jacob Weidemann.

GROWING MEMBERSHIP

The anniversary exhibit, now on an extended tour of the workshop circuit, was opened on the 85th birthday of Dr. Harry Fett, prominent businessman and former

State Antiquarian, on whose initiative the society was founded a decade ago. Although 133 industrial firms, with a total of some 78,000 employees, now belong to "Art in the Workshop." In 1954, there were only about 50 members. The organization's collection includes 247 different exhibits, comprising some 4,000 fine reproductions, as well as a sizable number of original water colors, and a library with over 900 volumes of art literature. Last year, about 450 exhibits were shown at some 130 plant canteens.

Dr. Fett, who for many years directed the organization with artistic insight and infectious enthusiasm, has explained its purpose in the following words: "Art in a workshop should express beauty, make work more pleasant, and foster interest in art. It should contribute, as in earlier days, to the creation of a certain feeling of human fellowship and unity."

STARTED IN 1950

"Art in the Workshop" originated in Harry Fett's own factory towards the end of the 1930's, after the cozy old canteen burned down and was replaced by a new one with large windows and austere walls. One day, somebody decided to brighten the walls with a few pictures. This led to a series of changing exhibitions. Thus, during the lunch break, workers had a chance to see reproductions of classical and modern art from many countries. Meanwhile, cooperation began with other enterprises which also had adopted the idea. Finally, in 1950, "Art in the Workshop" was established.

While most of the organization's pictures are reproductions, purchased in France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and the United States, there are also many photographs and a growing number of originals, chiefly prints and water colors. To protect the pictures from damage, they are always exhibited in glass frames. But as it is difficult, expensive and risky to ship them from place to place in fragile glass frames, each factory has its own. Thus, only the pictures have to be sent by "Art in the Workshop." At each factory, employee representatives frame and hang the pictures according to directions. Usually, a number of booklets on the subject of the particular exhibit are distributed.

Exhibits at each canteen are changed every other month, affording ample time to get acquainted with the works during the lunch hour. After the first month, an artist or an art historian will explain the pictures at get-togethers in the evening. Their talks are often followed by discussion and light refreshments. Annually, about six

BIG DEAL

A young Doctor who had set out his shingle with high hopes but few patients was excited one evening to hear his telephone ring. As it turned out, it was merely a former fellow intern who wanted to know if he would care to make a fourth at bridge. After thinking it over, the doctor decided that he would.

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Both foreign and Norwegian artists are represented in the collection. Titles of the exhibits, suggesting their diversified character, include "French Art from David to Corot," "The Impressionists," "Leonardo da Vinci," "Art in Venice," and "Pieter Breughel." Others show "Woman Through the Centuries," "People at Work," "The Child and Art," and "The Bible in Pictures." The latter group is designed to spread information about earlier and contemporary culture at home and abroad.

The Board of Directors includes three members of "Art in the Workshop," while the Norwegian Employers Association, the Norwegian Federation of Labor, and the Norwegian Engineering Society, each has one representative. The present chairman, Mr. Chr. Erlandsen, was for many years Managing Director of the Employers Association.

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a very good attendance. The pot-luck supper was a delicious feast, with such a variety that it was impossible to sample even one-half of the dishes.

The Children's Club put on a short program of songs in English and Swedish, and a dance around the Christmas tree, all under the direction of their leader, Floyd Modin. The program consisted of only eight numbers, but considering that the leader spent two weeks in the hospital at the time the practising should have been done, the children did very well.

Congratulations go out to long-time lodge members, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Anderson, who celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on December 14th; also to old-timers in the district, Mr. and Mrs. Tenus Sorenson, who celebrated their 61st anniversary on the same day.

Sympathy is extended to Nora Westermark and family on the death of brother Maurits Westermark on December 15th. Lodge Brother Westermark was a 25-year member and a past Chairman of Buford Lodge. He will be missed by all.

Tony Westermark was home from United States for his father's funeral along with his family, and subsequently spent the Christmas holidays with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carlson were also here from the United States for the funeral, and visited with Mr. Carlson's sister, Nora, and his brother, Frank.

An appointment has been made for the Children's Club "Framat No. 96" to attend the CFRN-TV Noon Show on December 29th. By the time this is published the program will be in the past, so we hope that you all enjoyed it.

Gustav Kristensen, 21-year-old Norwegian fisherman from Skjermoy, has received the Empire Medal for saving four British soldiers from drowning.

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